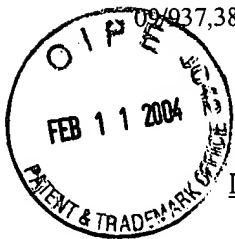
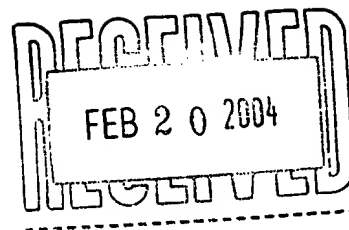


RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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AMENDMENT IN THE CLAIMS



In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked-up set of all the claims showing the changes is depicted.

Claim

1-12 (Previously cancelled)

13-17 (Cancel without prejudice)

18. (Previously added) A silicate having reduced dust behavior, wherein said silicate has been surface-coated with polysiloxane-polyether copolymer and exhibits the following properties:

Specific surface area 9DIN66132-BET) 0.5 to 1.5m²/g

Dust content (according to Heubach) 500-1200 mg/100g.

19. (Previously added) The silicate according to claim 18, wherein said silicate is a calcium metasilicate.

20. (Previously added) The silicate according to claim 18, wherein said silicate is wollastonite.

21. (Previously added) The silicate according to claim 18, wherein said silicate has been surface-coated with 0.1 to 4 wt.-% of polysiloxane-polyether copolymer.

22. (Previously added) The silicate according to claim 18, wherein said silicate has been surface-coated with 0.5 to 1.5 wt.-% of polysiloxane-polyether copolymer.

23-24 (Cancel without prejudice)